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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Peter Niebling	:	Examiner: Charles, Marcus
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Filed: September 22, 2006	:	Dated: March 20, 2009
Title: OUTER RING OF A WHEEL BEARING	:	Confirmation No.: 7307

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated December 24, 2008 in the above identified case. Attached hereto are Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, and Remarks, each starting on a separate page.